# I.C.P.O. Bulletin

## 21-28 December 2012

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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For all those who celebrate -
I wish you, your families and your friends a very Merry Christmmas!
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21/12/2012: Juha, OH1LEG, is currently active from Baie du Nord, Rodrigues Island (AF-017, WFF 3BFF-004, WLOTA 4265) as 3B9/OH1LEG until 7 January 2013. Holiday style operation on 160-10 metre, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL direct only to his home call. [DX World]

21/12/2012: Nao, JN1RVS will be active as VP2MRV from the island of Montserrat (NA-103, WLOTA 1475) from 21 December 2012 to 3 January 2013. He will operate CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via JA1HGY, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [425 DX News]

21/12/2012: Mike VP8CMH/MM / GM0HCQ reports that he has been given permission to operate as VP8ROT from Station "R" Rothera (AA G-07, WAP GBR-12, WFF GFF-043), Rothera Point, Ryder Bay, Adelaide Island (AN-001), whilst the the James Clark Ross antarctic ship is there. The current plan is to operate from the base on Friday 21st December at 21:15 local, which will be Saturday 22nd at 00:15z. Most likely going to be CW and working on 40, 30 or 20m depending on what seems to be open. The Grid for the base is FC52wk. He is not taking any requests for skeds, frequencies or modes. Mike is limited to time and modes and will just do what he can when he gets there. QSL via GM0HCQ (direct only), LoTW and eQSL. [DX World]

21/12/2012: Markus, XE1/DJ4EL, is working from Tlaxcala near the Malinche volcano (4460m), Mexico until 2 January 2013. QRV on 20-10 metre SSB, using TS-50 (100 watts) with quads and verticals. QSL via homecall direct or DARC bureau. [DX Newsletter]

22/12/2012: Sigi, DK9FN, will once again return to Temotu Province, Solomon Islands for a fourth time and be active from Lata, Nendo Island (OC-100), as H40FN between (approx.) 22 December 2012 and 7 January 2013. QRV on the HF bands, mainly CW with occasionally SSB. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; the QSL route for direct cards is via HA8DD. Further information and operating tips (they are worth a reading) at: www.qrz.com/db/H40FN [425 DX News]

22/12/2012: Alex, RD1AV, is a member of the summer team at Vostok Base (AA UA-10, WAP RUS-13, WFF RFF-168, IOTA AN-016), Antarctica, and will be active again in his spare time as RI1ANC from 22 December 2012 to 7 February 2013. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

22/12/2012: Mathias, DJ2HD (V5/DJ2HD), Dietmar, DL3DXX (V5/DL3DXX) and Ulmar, DK1CE (V5/DK1CE) will be active from Omaruru, Namibia (WW Loc. JG88DS), starting 22 December 2012 and ending at vaious dates during January 2013. They will be joined by Ewald, DJ2BQ (V5/DJ2BQ) on 4 January 2013. Activity will be as follows: V5/DL3DXX will operate 160-10 metre CW and SSB, while V5/DK1CE will operate 160-10 metre CW until 2 January. V5/DJ2HD will operate 160-6m SSB and

RTTY until 12 January. V5/DJ2BQ will be QRV on 80-10m RTTY until 18 January. QSL V5/DK1CE via DH3WO. QSL others via their home calls. [DX World]

23/12/2012: Look for Michael, 5P1KZX (EPC member #19406), to be active from Frederikshavn, Vendsyssel-Thy / Nordjylland [aka North Jutland] (EU-171, DIA NJ-001, WW Loc. JO57GK) from 23 December 2012 until 9 January 2013. Activity will be on all HF bands, mainly using the Digital modes. Michael will try to be active on the 160m band from EU-171 during Christmas 2012. QSL anyway you like - LoTW, eQSL.cc - paper QSL via the bureau or direct with SASE/SAE + sufficient postage. Website: www.qrz.com/db/5P1KZX [rsgbiota.org]

23/12/2012: Kei, KG2A (also JJ1RJR), will be active as V25A from the island of Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA 1118) from 23-29 December 2012. Plans are to be QRV on 160-10 metre SSB and CW. QSL direct only with SASE/SAE + sufficient postage to KG2A. [NG3K]

24/12/2012: Ryosei, JH0IXE, will once again be active as T8CW from the VIP Guest Hotel free radio room on Koror Island (OC-009, GL PJ77FI), Republic of Palau between 24 December 2012 and 6 January 2013. QRV on 160-6 metre RTTY, PSK31 and JT65A modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: jh0ixe.idou.net/t8cw [DX World]

26/12/2012: Max, HB9TUZ, will be active from Gangehi island, North Male Atoll (WLOTA 3911), Maldive Islands (AS-013), as 8Q7MS between 26 December 2012 and 3 January 2013. QRV holiday style on 80-10 metre SSB. Max will use a Kenwood 480sat - ANT.multiband vee inverted dipole and vertical random wire. QSL via eQSL only. [DX World]

27/12/2012: Look for Takeshi-san ("Take"), JS6RRR, and a friend to be active from Miyako Island (AS-079, WLOTA 0249, JCC 4714, JCG 47004) between 27 December 2012 and 7 January 2013. They will use the following callsigns during this activity: JS6RRR main (QSL via bureau preferred), JI3DST/JS6 Sub (QSL via JI3DST by the JARL bureau), and JA3YEC/JS6 for JA (Only 1 way - not need your QSL). Please check QRZ.com for details. Take will be QRV on 160-6 metre SSB, CW, FM, RTTY and PSK31. Note: In case of heavy rain or other condition, the operation condition may vary. [K0AP]

28/12/2012: Howie, K1VSJ/p will be active again from Martha's Vineyard (NA-046, USi MA005S, WLOTA 2804), Dukes county, Massachusetts, between 28 December 2012 and 1 January 2013. He will focus on working JA stations on 10 or 15 metres during his late afternoon hours. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

01/01/2013: The RSGB celebrates its 100th jubilee in 2013. Special event stations from all call areas (Gx100RSGB) will be active on the air. See also: www.rsgb.org/aboutrsgb/rsgbcentenary2013/?id=rsgb-centenary-home

01/01/2013: The Tera Radio Club (HB9OK), Vezia, Switzerland, plans to be active with the special call HB30OK almost everyday between 1 January and 31 December 2013 celebrating the 30th anniversary of the club. QSL via HB9OCR, bureau or direct. Further information about this event and relevant award can be found at QRZ.com under HB30OK. [DX Newsletter]

01/01/2013: The special event station S5300TP celebrates the 300th anniversary of Tolmin Peasant Uprising. Members of the Radio club SOCA Tolmin (S59DAP) will be active using special event callsigns throughout 2013. QSL via the bureau is preferred. See also: S5300TP.s59dap.com/ [S57OGL]

02/01/2013: Cezar VE3LYC, Johan PA3EXX, Alex LU5WW and Luc LU1FAM hope to be operating as LU6W from Isla Escondida (SA-096), Chubut Province, Argentina, between 2-6 January 2013. Once again, the team would like to remind everyone that this expedition includes some very difficult logistics. Consequently, the above dates are approximate and can change depending on the weather conditions. Moreover, there is no guarantee that the team will be able to land. Rest assured the safety of everyone involved is paramount. Plans are to be QRV on the HF bands using two IC-7000 100 watt, two multiband verticals, two 1 kW generators and four car-type batteries. Hopefully two stations operating at one time. QSL via VE3LYC, direct or bureau. Online log will be hosted by Clublog. NB: On November 21, 2012 a recon mission to Escondida took place. You can see some images on their website at: lu6w.yolasite.com/galleria.php [DX World]

11/01/2013: Rick 'The Locust', K6VVA, is now scheduled to return to the Bahamas again. This time QRV as C6AVA on North Bimini Island (NA-048) from 11-14 January 2013. As always, this will be a primarily CW activation. Rick may also be QRV in the NAQP CW Contest. "An important note to Italian IOTA Chasers: If I send your callsign correctly the first time, please do NOT repeat your callsign 2 or 3 times as this unnecessarily wastes time. Stations who repeatedly call out-of-turn (Pileup "Bullies") will be confronted and run the risk of NOT getting into my log. If you cannot copy me, then please do NOT call." QSL ONLY via N6AWD. Further information and updates at: www.k6vva.com/iota/na048 [DX World]

15/01/2013: Leo, PP1CZ, will be on vacation with his family to Fernando de Noronha Island (SA-003, DIB OC-01, WFF PYFF-016, WLOTA 1208) for 6 days between 15-21 January 2013. He will be QRV on the HF bands, in his spare time, as PY0F/PP1CZ. Leo will focus on 160 and 80 metre CW. RTTY, CW and some SSB on the other bands. QSL via his home callsign. [DX World]

18/01/2013: Joe, K5KUA, will once again activate Galveston Island (NA-143, USi TX001S), Galveston county, Texas, from 18-21 January 2013. While there he will be working CW only on 40m thru 10m (mostly 20m and 40m) as conditions and time permits. QSL direct or via bureau to K5KUA. [rsgbiota.org]

01/02/2013: Jean-Pierre, F6ITD, will be active from the Guadeloupe islands between 1 February and 25 March 2013 as FG/F6ITD. He plans to visit: the commune of Deshaies, Sainte-Rose 2 canton, Guadeloupe (Basse Terre) Island (NA-102, DIFO FG-019), and La Desirade Island (NA-102, DIFO FG-004, WLOTA 1121). QRV on the HF bands using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DX World]

14/02/2013: An international team from Belgium and The Netherlands will be on air from Bujumbura, Burundi, as 9U4U from 14-23 February 2013. The QTH will be at Club du Lac de Tanganyika on the shoresof Lake Tanganyika. 10 Ops in total with four stations on air. Website with full details/plans is expected soon. QSL via M0URX. [DX World]

15/02/2013: Look for Andrew, VK4NM and Peter, VK4LAT to be active from Fraser Island (OC-142, WFF VKFF-216, WLOTA 2976), Queensland, Australia, between 15-18 February 2013. QRV on 80-10 metres. Emphasis on high bands as they usually are only activate in the winter when 10m activity is low. QSL goes via M0OXO. [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

21/12/2012: The special event station HF2012PLL (Port Lotniczy Lublin) is now active on all bands and modes from Swidnik, Poland, until 14 January 2013 to promote the new Lublin airport. Operators are Marek SP8QEJ, Arek SQ8BGR,

Zdzisiek SQ8EP and Krzysiek SP8GVM. QSL via SP8KEZ. See also: www.zwiedzajlubelskie.pl/lotnisko [DX Newsletter]

21/12/2012: The Christmas special event station LY12XMAS is currently active on all bands and modes from Siauliai, Lithuania, until 31 December 2012. QSL via LY2QT. For 2 QSOs - Xmas present from Lithuania, free. Website: www.qrz.com/db/LY12XMAS [DX Newsletter]

23/12/2012: Special event station 8N119T will be active on all HF bands and modes between 23 December 2012 and 25 March 2013 to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Tokyo Fire Department. (119 is the emergency number in Japan for ambulance/fireman). QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

21/12-3/1/13 VP2MRV: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL JA1HGY (d/B)
23/12 KP2/K3LP: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL H/c (d)
23/12-29/12 V25A: Antigua Island WLOTA:1118 QSL KG2A (d)
26/12-3/1/13 8Q7MS: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL eQSL only
26/12 J3/K3LP: Grenada Island WLOTA:0718 QSL H/c (d)
27/12-7/1/13 JA3YEC/JS6: Miyako Shima WLOTA:0249 QSL Auto Buro
27/12-7/1/13 JI3DST/JS6: Miyako Shima WLOTA:0249 QSL H/c (B)
27/12-7/1/13 JS6RRR: Miyako Shima WLOTA:0249 QSL Buro
28/12-1/1/13 K1VSJ/P: Martha's Vineyard Island WLOTA:2804 QSL H/c (d/B)

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6 METRES & UP -

24/12-6/1/13 T8CW: Palau OC-009 Grid:PJ77FI 6m SSB/Digi QSL JA0FOX (d/B)
25/12 LY 2.4G & Up Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
25/12 NRAU Microwave Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
26/12 SKCC Straight Key Sprint 6m class 0000z-0200z
26/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulative 6m-70cm/All modes 1400z-1600z
27/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulative 6m-70cm/All modes 1400z-1600z
28/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulative 6m-70cm/All modes 1400z-1600z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at: http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 18 December 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

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QSL INFO -

VU3BPZ QSLs status -
Bhagwati Prasad has been active for long time in different years by the Indian Base of Maitri (WAP IND-03) as VU3BPZ and AT10BP, to the new Bharati Base (WAP IND-04) as VU3BPZ/P, as AT10BP/R1 VU3BPZ/R1 at Russian Base of Novolazevskaya (WAP RUS-09) and as VU3BPZ/MM aboard the Polar Ships Paardeberg and Ivan Papanin. Cards for these operations must be requested only direct via I1HYW (QRZ.com), unfortunately, no chance to get that QSL cards via the bureau, so refrain to sent that way.
So far all the cards received have been fully answered, next comings will be

answered the same day of receiving. [Gianni I1HYW]
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QSLs via Bureau: 4U1WRC, 9A202AA, 9A4PA, 9Y4W, AA4FU, CU3AN, D2SG, DB50EFA, DL1630Y, DM100MGY, EN50UG, HB100FLP, IR1ITA, JA3BRI, K3RA, K8CW, LZ1WARD, N4QS, OE1A, OH2ZZ, P40J, PU1KGG, PY1FC, PY2PT, OZ3SA, R10DDX, R1941MB, RG50C, TF2MSN, VE3EK, VP2MDY and VU2XO.

QSLs via Direct: 1A0C (OQRS), 2D2C (OQRS), 3B9SP (OQRS), 3D2C (OQRS), 7O6T (UA3DX), A31MA (JA3MCA), AH0I (JF1IRW), D2QV (UT0EA), E51AIU (JJ8DEN), EL2ES (AA7A), EL2MF (KC7V), EL2WS (N7CW), HC2/KF6ZWD (HC2AC), HC2AC (QRZ.com), HT9H (TI4SU), NH8S (OQRS), OA7/DF7NX (H/c), OH10X/MM (OH2BH), V31MW (QRZ.com), V63EPO (JA7EPO), V63PR (JJ8DEN), VK9/OH1VR (H/c), VP2ETE (QRZ.com), WH0/K0BBC (H/c), ZK2C (OQRS) and ZL7A (JF1OCQ).

QSLs via LoTW: 5H1HS, CO2JD, DL4MCF, EL2A, EL2MF, GM5X, HK3C, JA1NLX/VK4, KH7M, KL7RA, LP1H, NH8S, PJ5DX, PT0S, S51DX, VE2OJ, VE3JM, VE6JY, VP5T and YN2CC.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: ww-ff.blogspot.nl/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK 2013 -

AO1ICE (WAP-233) SES working AAW.
During the 10th AAW (Antarctic Activity Week), to be held from 18 to 24 February 2013, a group of Spanish operators: EC1KV, EB1LA, EA1CUB, EA1CS, EA1WX, EA1AUM and EA1WK we will be on the air, as every years; this time with the special callsign AO1ICE just issued. Operation on 10-160mts HF + WARC bands, SSB, CW and RTTY PSK31.
As in the previous years, the log will raise every day at Clublog and also on the website created for this activity at:
http://ea1wk.blogspot.com.es/2012/12/ao1ice-10-antarctic-activity-week-wap.html
Special thanks to Tony EC7ZK who did design this 2013 AAW's QSL, Vlad UA6JD for drawing us on QRZ.com and to Max IK8LOV for the online log availability. QSL for AO1ICE has to be requested to EA1WK, via bureau or direct as well as OQRS.

HF?A (WAP-237) SES working AAW.
Janusz SP9YI, informs that he will work as HF?A from 15 January to 28 February 2013 and in particular during 10th AAW. QSL via SP9YI. Janusz already holds WAP-215 for HF36POL and WAP 216 for HF35APAS for past activities and now he got WAP-237, for HF0A.

The full list of SES participating the 10th AAW is update regularly at WAP website, check: www.waponline.it [Gianni I1HYW]
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NA-114, FG, Les Saintes Island:
Nicolas, FG4NO, will move from Terre de Haut to Les Saintes Island on 1 January 2013 which makes him the only active station from this IOTA group. See also: fg4no.fr/
QSLs for stations in region 1 via F4AVX (bureau/direct).
QSLs for stations in region 2 and 3 via FG4NO (d). [DX Newsletter]
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NEW PILEUP! MAGAZINE IS OUT:

The latest issue (2/2012) of PileUP! is now out. PileUP! is the newsletter of Contest Club Finland.
Download (PDF) magazine via CCF's homepage:
http://www.contestclubfinland.com/
Or direct link:
http://www.contestclubfinland.com/documents/PileUP2_12.pdf
47 pages in Finnish (Google translate is your friend?) and English.
73, Timo OH1NOA
editor-in-charge
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SAQ TRANSMISSION ON CHRISTMAS EVE - DECEMBER 24TH, 2012:
There will be a transmission with the Alexanderson 200 kW alternator on VLF 17.2 kHz from Grimeton Radio/SAQ on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th, 2012.
The message transmission will take place at 08:00 UTC. The transmitter will be tuned up from around 07:30 UTC.
There will be no activity on amateur radio frequencies with the call SK6SAQ this time.
QSL-reports are kindly received:
- E-mail to: info at alexander.n.se
- or fax to: +46-340-674195
- or via: SM bureau
- or direct by mail to: Alexander - Grimeton Veteranradios Vaenner, Radiostationen, Grimeton 72 S-432 98 GRIMETON SWEDEN
Also read our web site: www.alexander.n.se/
Yours
Lars Kalland
SM6NM
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UK DX BPSK63 Contest:
The UK DX BPSK63 Contest is held every year on the second weekend of January. In 2013 it starts at 12:00 UTC on Saturday 12th January, 2013 and ends at 11:59 UTC on Sunday 13th January, 2013:
www.ukdx.srars.org/
Yuri RK3DSW
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
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